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DETAILED ACTION

The reply brief filed 28 July 2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Examiner's Response:

The Appellant submitted "Status of Claims" dated 7/28/08 is incorrect since claim 2 is rejected and subject to Appeal review.

The Examiner's Answer dated 10 June 2008 denotes the status of claim 2 under the "Status of Claims".

With respect to the Applicant's argument pertaining to claim 1, these arguments were addressed in the Examiner's Answer dated 10 June 2008.

With respect to the Appellant's argument pertaining to claim 2, the Examiner would like to point out that outer core section (48) of Kotsianas's reference is not a core flange nor was it used in the rejection as such. The core flanges are the extended portions of housing (58, 60) which is attached to outer core sections (48).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHYLESHA DABNEY whose telephone number is (571)272-7494. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 9:00-4:30pm.

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